



## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

SR-6J

December 9, 2009

Mr. Michael J. Erickson  
Associate Vice President/Principal Engineer  
ARCADIS  
10559 Citation Drive, Suite 100  
Brighton, MI 48116

RE: Agreement to Not Implement Specific Sampling Tasks in the  
Area 1 SRI/FS Work Plan

Dear Mr. Erickson:

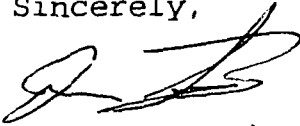
The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has completed its review of your August 17, 2009, letter requesting that specific sampling tasks required by the Area 1 Supplemental Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (SRI/FS) work plan for the Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site be eliminated.

At a meeting on April 27, 2009, the remaining sediment sampling activities were discussed. Based upon existing information and the results of earlier sampling, several of the remaining sampling tasks appear to not be necessary. Specifically, you requested that the following tasks be eliminated: hot spot assessment in the Plainwell No. 2 dam to the mill race confluence; hot spot assessment in Portage Creek; analysis of up to 20 additional archived cores from 16 new transects in the Area 1 SRI/FS work plan; and additional post-removal sediment sampling in the former Plainwell impoundment Time-Critical Removal Action.

The information and justification you provided to eliminate the above-mentioned tasks is adequate. Therefore, EPA approves the elimination of the specific sampling tasks in the Area 1 SRI/FS work plan as discussed in the August 17, 2009, letter.

Please contact me at (312) 886-0992 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Saric', with a stylized flourish at the end.

James A. Saric  
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